



PGY-2 Specialty Residency in Psychiatric Pharmacy

VAWNY Healthcare System, Buffalo, NY

This ASHP-accredited, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency is designed to transition PGY1 residency graduates from generalized practice to specialized practice focusing on the care of patients with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders. The residency provides extensive clinical experience. Our residents provide care to patients with psychiatric and neuropsychiatric disorders as members of a multidisciplinary team. The purpose of the program is to equip our residents with the knowledge and skill necessary to initiate and establish a successful psychiatric pharmacy practice in diverse healthcare settings providing exemplary patient-centered medication therapy. Three residency positions are supported. Two psychiatric pharmacists serve as primary preceptors.



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Qualifications

Applicants must be US Citizens; have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited school or college of pharmacy; have completed a PGY1 residency; be licensed or eligible for licensure in NY State and will be required to acquire and maintain a valid pharmacy license.

Program Goals

- To guide the resident in developing accountability, positive practice patterns, expert knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities in Psychiatric Pharmacy
- To guide the resident to achieving the ability to provide care in the most complex of cases
- To guide the resident in attaining the ability to function independently as a practitioner by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and transforming both into improved medication therapy for patients
- To guide the resident in acquiring competencies that enable attainment of Board Certification in Psychiatric Pharmacy



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Training Site

The VA Western New York Healthcare System is part of the VA Health Care Upstate New York Network and provides medical, surgical, mental health and long-term care services through a full range of inpatient and outpatient programs. The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency program is academically affiliated with the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo School of Pharmacy.

Core Learning Experiences

- ***Mental Health Clinic*** - This is a longitudinal learning experience that provides a variety of experiences including patient evaluation, medication therapy management and monitoring, and patient medication counseling. Clinics include PTSD Medication Management Clinic, Decanoate Clinic and, telehealth.
- ***PACT Medication Management Clinic*** – This is a longitudinal learning experience. In collaboration with the mental health team in primary care, we offer medication therapy management and monitoring services for patients with mood disorders such as anxiety and depression.
- ***Substance Use Disorder Clinic*** – This is a longitudinal learning experience. Patients are referred for medication management for alcohol use disorder and for opiate use disorder.
- ***Inpatient Psychiatry*** - The resident rounds on the acute inpatient psychiatry unit with the psychiatric pharmacy preceptor, inpatient psychiatrist, psychiatry residents and medical and pharmacy students. The resident makes recommendations on medication therapy and medication monitoring as indicated. The resident is also an integral part of the Inpatient to Outpatient Transition Program that was established by psychiatric pharmacy to help reduce recidivism.
- ***PGY2 Research*** - Under the preceptor's guidance, the resident selects an appropriate topic, prepares a research protocol, secures necessary Institutional Review Board (IRB), Research & Development Committee (R&D) and/or Medication Use Committee (MUC) approvals, implements the project, collects and analyzes data, and prepares a manuscript for publication in an appropriate pharmacy journal.
- ***Liaison Psychiatry*** – The liaison psychiatrist serves as preceptor for this experience. The team is consulted for evaluation of patients on medical units for management of acute psychiatric symptoms.
- ***Neurology*** - The neurology team is consulted for evaluation of patients on medical units for management of acute neurologic symptoms.

Electives include:

1. ***Forensic Psychiatry***
2. ***Pediatric & Adolescent Psychiatry***
3. ***Chronic Mental Illness.***

Resident Responsibilities

The program is tailored to meet the interests and career goals of the resident. Responsibilities include:

- ***Patient care (70%):*** The resident will work directly with the psychiatric teams providing patient care under supervision of the preceptor and will transition from observing the preceptor evaluating patients and managing medications, to evaluating patients and managing medications under supervision, to evaluating patients and managing medications independently.
- ***Teaching (15%):*** The resident will precept 4th year PharmD students during experiential training as well as PGY1 residents using the preceptor roles of instructing, modeling, coaching, and facilitating.
- ***Research (10%):*** Under the preceptor's guidance, the resident will be responsible for designing and implementing a research project related to psychiatric pharmacy practice.

- **Practice Management (5%):** The resident will participate in the continuing development and improvement of psychiatric pharmacy services and will acquire the skills needed to develop an independent psychiatric pharmacy practice.

And now for some fun facts about Buffalo, NY:

- Buffalo, NY is Forbes 2014 #1 most affordable city! The median cost to rent an apartment in the Buffalo-Niagara region is \$714/month (leaving you with some spending money!)
- Did you know that Amherst, NY (the Buffalo suburb that many residents call home) was again named as America's safest city?
- Buffalo is the 7th fastest growing bike commuter town in the country (that's right, Buffalo, NY – and you thought Buffalo was all about the snow!)



Program Leadership & Application

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Application can be made through **Phorcas**

Full application will require school transcripts sent to:

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 Buffalo, NY 14215**